

Fairfield Heights Public School

Works notification | 22 May 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On 6 May 2024, suspected mould was found in one of the learning support demountable classrooms at Fairfield Heights Public School. We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the room and provide recommendations.

On 10 May 2024, testing results indicated that there was an elevated level of mould spores. The independent hygienist recommended that students and staff who normally use this room are relocated as a precautionary measure and the room was made inaccessible.

Students are continuing their support lessons in other classrooms while this area is out of use.

On 7 May 2024, your principal informed you about other class relocations. Please note, this work is unrelated.

The source of the mould in the learning support room was from excess water from a roof leak. We are organising for the roof to be repaired and for the room to undergo an environmental clean.

While the independent hygienist was on site for this inspection, they investigated a server room and an office in the library building for potential mould. The areas were locked and made inaccessible to staff while we waited for test results. Students do not usually access these areas and staff who use the office have been relocated.

On 20 May 2024, testing confirmed elevated levels of mould spores in these areas. Recommendations for these rooms include a mould remediation clean and replacing the flooring. We are currently organising the dates of this work.

Students and staff will remain in their alternate locations until clearance certificates are received for both the learning support room and the office in the library building.

All work involving hazardous materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring put in place while work was done. All inspections and remediation works will be conducted in accordance with recommendations from the independent hygienist.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu or during business hours on 1300 482 651.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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